Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 26 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 27 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 26 Jan 2023 at 02:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a decent day on Thursday for most, then rather changeable but lower for timing of these changes

Headline for Thursday 26 Jan 2023: A mainly dry day with some sunshine, best in the south, perhaps a light wintry shower in the northeast. A colder day though.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 26 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: The south and west of the area will stay dry with long clear or sunny spells. Occasional cloud over the Aberdeenshire Hills and perhaps the northernmost parts of Perthshire and Angus could bring one or two light snow showers with rain at lower levels. Any residual cloud there clearing in the evening with a widespread frost developing at low levels.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% or more in south and west, 60% in northeast.

Low Cloud and visibility: Little if any low cloud in south and west, occasional 800-1000m in northeast, the odd scrap at 600m at first. Visibility away from any cloud very good with little if any reductions in any light showers in northeast.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	28/32 N	26/30 N	21/27 N	18/22 N	12/15 N	8/11 NW	7/9 SW
900	14/18 N	15/19 N	16/21 N	13/17 N	8/12 N	4/7 NW	6/8 SW
600	7/14 NW	7/14 NW	9/15 N	8/13 N	4/9 NW	3/6 W	4/6 SW
300	2/13 NW	4/15 NW	6/15 N	5/13 N	3/9 NW	3/7 NW	3/7 W
Glen	3/9 SW	3/10 SW	6/14 N	7/14 N	4/10 NW	3/7 NW	3/6 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-10	-3/-9	-4/-8	-3/-7
900	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-2/-5	-2/-5
600	1/-2	1/-3	1/-2	2/-2	1/-2	0/-2	-1/-3
300	2/1	3/1	4/2	4/2	3/1	1/-0	0/-2
Glen	3/2	3/2	6/3	5/3	4/2	2/1	1/-1
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	700m	700m	600m	600m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A colder day, note the very low feels like temperatures. Glare from the snowpack in sunshine.

Forecast for Friday 27 Jan 2023
Weather: A dry bright morning and early afternoon for most with some long sunny periods. Cloud then increasing across the Perthshire Hills from early to mid-afternoon with some hill fog developing, extending to all but the most sheltered Aberdeenshire Hills by evening. Generally overcast in the evening with some patchy light rain or drizzle developing, starting off as freezing rain, sleet or even snow flurries above 900m.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 10-15mph increasing 25 gusts 35mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% falling 70% by mid-afternoon and 30% by evening, chances reducing quicker further to the west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Little cloud at first but layered cloud arriving at 600-900m from the west as the afternoon goes on. Visibility initially very good, but deteriorating as rain and drizzle develops later, and of course very poor in the cloud-induced hill fog.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to Plus 6 in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising to Plus 3 in the evening.
Freezing level: 600m rising to 900m in the afternoon and just above summits in the evening.

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